

News Highlights, October 19-25

NC Headlines

Highway Marker in Eden To Honor Birth of Community College System

The industrial expansion in North Carolina after World War II led to a demand for technical and vocational training. Under the administrations of Governors Luther Hodges and Terry Sanford, seven Industrial Education Centers (IECs) were created that became the core of the Community College System. A North Carolina Highway Historical Marker will be dedicated to honor the birth of the N.C. Community College system at the first IEC in Eden on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m. at the John Motley Morehead High School. Read more here.

Indy Week

Inspired curation brings surprises to big-name still-lifes at the NCMA

Before "been there, done that," we had the expression "seen the elephant." Originating from the potent combination of surprise, fear, joy and revulsion that Europeans felt upon seeing exotic animals for the first time, it eventually expressed how the spectacular is only so initially, flattening out quickly to approach the blasé. ... Still-Life Masterpieces, a ticketed show at the North Carolina Museum of Art, is a survey spanning 400 years and more than 70 paintings and decorative objects from the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Read more here.

The Durham News

Historic site 'in mourning' Friday

Duke Homestead State Historic Site is wearing black this week, and not because it's Halloween. Rather, it's to set the mood for Friday night's special event: "Widows and Wakes: A Victorian House in Mourning." And, no, it's really not because it's Halloween, said site manager Jennifer Farley. "It's not a ghost tour," Farley said. It is a candlelight reenactment of death and mourning customs typical of the late 1800s when the British Queen Victoria's public grieving for her husband, Albert, set a style for the English-speaking world. Read more here.

National Geographic Newswatch

\$450,000 In Private Donations Will Allow Excavation Of Blackbeard's Ship To Continue

A spur-of-the-moment donation today of \$32,500 allowed the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources to meet its fund-raising goal of \$450,000 to continue excavating the wreckage of the Queen Anne's Revenge, the flagship of the legendary 18th-century pirate Blackbeard. The contribution from Rita and Eric Bigham, a retired couple who divide their time between Chapel Hill and the small beach town of Beaufort, came at a special gathering at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Read more here.

New Bern Sun Journal

Tucker Creek integrates art with math, language arts, science and social studies

Eighth grade math, science and English students on the Eagles Team at Tucker Creek Middle School are participating in an exciting program that incorporates art, in its many forms, in day to day instructions. ... The origins of this creative and innovative effort stem from the N.C. Museum of Art program, the Art of Collaboration. Read more here.

Wilmington Star-News

'Iron Man 3' star visits Battleship North Carolina

Wilmington's Battleship North Carolina had a special visitor on Sunday: Academy-Award winning actor and "Iron Man 3" villain Ben Kingsley. The 68-year-old Brit, in Wilmington for his role as The Mandarin in the locally filmed Disney/Marvel production, requested a private tour of the historic landmark, the Battleship's executive director Capt. Terry Bragg said. The vessel, which was the first battleship built for World War II, is one of the most well-preserved battleships from that era, Bragg said. Read more here.

Latin American Herald Tribute

Pulitzer Winner Captures Lives of North Carolina's Hispanics

Jose Galvez's black-and-white photography has captured the experience of Latinos in the United States for more than 40 years and he was one of the first Chicanos to receive a Pulitzer Prize. In his most recent exhibition, "Al Norte al Norte: Latino Life in North Carolina," a series of 51 photographs on display at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh, the Mexican-American documents the lives of people he describes as New Americans. Read more here.

The Daily Southerner

Sweet Sound of Music: N.C. Symphony entertains students

Tuesday morning's N.C. Symphony concert in Edgecombe Community College's Keihin Auditorium was not your typical concert, as fourth- and fifth-grade students comprised the audience, and audience interaction was a major component of the performance. Read more here.

Gaston Gazette

Public input meetings at Library

As described in last week's At the Library column, the Gaston County Public Library has been selected by the State Library of North Carolina as one of eight library systems in our state to participate in a statewide Community Needs Assessment pilot project. The goal of this project is to help our Gaston County Public Library (and, by extension, public libraries across North Carolina), engage a broad range of community representatives and residents to identify the needs, values, and vision of our communities. Read more here.